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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)	Group Art Unit:	1632
Venkataraman BRINGI et al.)	Examiner:	I. MARX
Serial No.: 09/083,198)		
Filed: May 22, 1998)		
For: ENHANCED PRODUCTION OF TAXOL AND TAXANES BY CELL CULTURES OF <i>TAXUS</i> SPECIES)		

Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND
RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for responding to the Office Action mailed September 7, 1999 in the above-identified application. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the time for response be extended up to and including March 7, 2000.

Our check in the amount of \$984.00 is attached to cover the three-month extension fee. In the event any variance exists between the amount of the extension fee enclosed and the Patent Office charges, please charge or credit any difference to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 02-0375.

In response to the Office Action mailed September 7, 1999, please amend the above-captioned patent application as shown below.